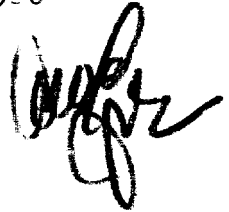


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Memorandum for: The Director

Subject: Status of the Mansfield Resolution

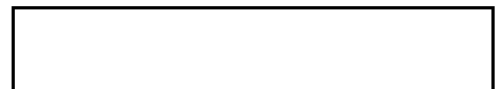


1. Senator Hayden is now working on a final draft of his minority report, which will be printed with the majority report of the Rules Committee. Before finalizing his report, he plans to show it to Senator Saltonstall for any comments he may have.

2. The Rules Committee reports will be filed on Tuesday, February 21st, or shortly thereafter. The next action will be to place the Mansfield Resolution on the Calendar, and unless the Majority and Minority Leaders are willing and able to postpone consideration of the matter, which is evidently within their power, the matter may be brought to the Floor at any time by a majority vote. Senator Hayden feels that if Senators Knowland and Bridges will cooperate, there is at least a chance there will be no vote on the Mansfield Resolution during this session. He plans to contact Senator Lyndon Johnson himself.

3. Senator Hayden was surprised and disappointed to hear from Senator Mansfield that Senator Bridges now has no objection to the Mansfield Resolution, and may in fact support it. Senator Hayden asked me to explore this matter within the Executive Branch, and to suggest that Senator Bridges be contacted. He also indicated that the Administration would be well advised to make the President's views on this Resolution generally known within the Congress.

4. I have reported my conversation with Senator Hayden to Jack Martin of the White House, and he and General Persons are trying to arrange a meeting today with Senators Knowland, Bridges and Saltonstall to discuss the next moves on the part of the Republican leadership. Mr. Martin agrees that some form of statement from the President would be helpful, and he is checking that one through in the White House.



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